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## **News Release**

### ***OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING***

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On July 17, 2005, at approximately 3:28am, San Antonio Police Officers Edward Campos, a 17 year veteran, and James Rodriguez, a 14-year veteran, responded to 1419 Belclaire for a family disturbance. Upon arrival, the officers contacted a juvenile male. The juvenile, who had originally called 911, told Officer Campos that his father and step-mother were fighting in the garage. As officers approached the detached garage, they heard loud noises and heard signs of a struggle taking place inside. Officer Campos entered first, followed by Officer Rodriguez. Upon entering, they observed the suspect, identified as Stephen Hastings, 44, and a female struggling over a handgun. Both officers drew their service issued weapons and ordered the suspect to drop the weapon. The female was able to gain distance from the suspect, as he turned his attention toward the officers, and at the same time the suspect raised his weapon towards the officers. Officer Campos, fearing for his safety, fired one shot striking the suspect in the chest. Officer Rodriguez did not shoot at the suspect, due to Officer Campos being in his line of fire. After being shot, the suspect went down and was no longer a threat to the officers. E.M.S. arrived shortly after the shooting and pronounced the suspect dead at the scene. Recovered at the scene was the handgun the suspect attempted to use against the officers. The female victim did not require any medical attention at the scene and was transported to SAPD headquarters for a statement.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief Albert A. Ortiz and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Campos will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

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